



## GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

### Transportation Advisory Committee

#### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 12, 2000  
10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC

#### TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Carmany	TAC Chair, Greensboro City Council
Chairman Bob Landreth	Guilford County Commission
Doug Galyon	NCDOT
Mayor Keith Holliday	Greensboro City Council
Mary Rakestraw	Guilford County Commission

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair, GDOT	Libby James	GTA
Bill Parrish	Town of Oak Ridge	Scott Rhine	NCDOT
Travis Marshall	Statewide Planning	Mul Wyman	Guilford County Planning
Pat Ivey	NCDOT	Ted Johnson	Airport Authority
Jim Ayres	Town of Pleasant Garden	Tyler Meyer	GDOT
Lynise DeVance	FHWA	Veronica Dunlap	GDOT
Ken King	GDOT	Paul Muschick	Greensboro News & Record

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **Approval of February 25, 2000 Minutes**

Mary Rakestraw moved to approve the minutes and Mayor Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

##### **Release to public comment of MTIP Amendment – Transit**

Tyler Meyer described the proposed amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program FY 2000-2006 (MTIP). The amendment would re-program Section 5307 transit funds and reflects a newly adopted Board of Transportation Policy intended to increase funding flexibility for transit operators. The public review period will begin April 17 and end May 16 and will be advertised and displayed in accordance with the public involvement policy. Libby James stated 5307 funds are GTA's primary federal funding source and reviewed the expenditures planned under the amendment. A packet of information regarding GTA's plans to install front-end bike racks on 18 buses and describing the popularity and effectiveness of bike racks in other cities was distributed. Mary Rakestraw moved to release the MTIP amendment for public review. Mayor Holliday seconded. Motion carried. Sandy Carmany reported the

February 25<sup>th</sup> MTIP Amendments and the Planning Work Program have received the necessary state approvals.

### **MPO Representation**

Sandy Carmany reviewed previous discussion of Town representation and MPO – Town communications. Previous discussion indicates enhanced communication strategies as the consensus solution. Ken King reviewed a handout listing currently identified communication strategies. Jim Ayres indicated Pleasant Garden's satisfaction with the proposed arrangements. Bill Parrish reported Oak Ridge's concurrence and desire to receive relevant information from the MPO and the opportunity to present concerns and issues to the MPO as needed. Mayor Holliday requested a reassessment of the communication strategies after a year of implementation.

Chairman Landreth said Guilford County should have two votes instead of one. Mary Rakestraw agreed. Discussion followed. Sandy Carmany said the current voting more closely reflects population distribution between the City, the Towns, and the unincorporated County. Chairman Landreth voiced concerns of protectionism in guarding City interests on the part of the previous TAC and TCC Chairs. Mayor Holliday stated if a second vote would enhance regional cooperation then he could support it, but that concerns of protectionism must be put aside. Ken King noted staff had not prepared supporting information regarding the presence of a county representative but that such information could be provided at the next meeting to assist with the decision making process on this item. Doug Galyon observed PART to be the answer to good regional planning and encouraged full regional collaboration and participation. He said he would support related measures and that a second county vote might better represent the towns. Mary Rakestraw moved to add a county vote, Mayor Holliday seconded, and the motion carried. No provisions were made to weight the votes. A quorum was determined to be four TAC members. It was agreed that the issue would be reassessed within a year of implementation.

### **US 70 Access Resolution -- *not on pre-meeting agenda***

Chairman Landreth introduced a new agenda item to support a resolution adopted by the County Commission on April 6, 2000. The resolution called for connecting Old Burlington Road, between Willowlake Rake and Flemingfield Road, to the new US 70 alignment with a provision for restricted to right-in / right-out only movements controlled by a concrete median island. Doug Galyon suggested a copy of this resolution be provided to NCDOT Division 7 to review. Chairman Landreth moved to support the county's resolution and the access opening. Mayor Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **MPO Priority Session Update**

The MPO Priority Session will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh and will be attended by TAC members Doug Galyon, Sandy Carmany, and Mayor Holliday and MPO staff. Ken King reviewed the anticipated agenda and stated that the *MPO Priority Needs* adopted October 21, 1999 will be discussed. Jim Westmoreland recognized Doug Galyon for his outstanding service to the Greensboro Urban Area as a Board of Transportation Member.

**PART Update**

Sandy Carmany reviewed Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation activities and items for consideration at the April 12<sup>th</sup> PART meeting.

**Town Reports**

The Towns offered no reports. Bill Parrish asked whether the NC 68 safety improvements project is now funded. Doug Galyon replied funding was finalized through the February 25<sup>th</sup> MTIP Amendment. The project has been let to contract and is expected to be completed by November 2000.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The proposed MPO meeting schedule for the remainder of 2000 was distributed and agreed on as the official schedule pending any needed adjustments that might arise.

**School Traffic – *not on pre-meeting agenda***

Mary Rakestraw inquired into the status of Pilot Elementary School access in the Sedgefield Lakes neighborhood. Doug Galyon and Jim Westmoreland reviewed the assistance available from NCDOT Statewide Planning Staff and GDOT staff in assessing school traffic issues and how this could improve school-related traffic mitigation planning. Mary Rakestraw and Mayor Holliday requested the TAC chair send a letter to the school board regarding the benefits of such planning and the availability of staff to assist it. Mayor Holliday moved, Mary Rakestraw seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER ITEMS****Board Member Update**

Doug Galyon reviewed the status of the Southern Urban Loop, Eastern Urban Loop, and the I-40 widening. All are on schedule. Engineering and right-of-way acquisition are on target for accelerated construction of the Western Urban Loop between I-85 and I-40. Funds are not yet in place to accelerate the construction phase, however. Mr. Galyon is working hard to establish a TIP funding commitment to accelerate construction.

**Airport Area Plan Status Report**

Mul Wyman reviewed the need, process, and timeline for the Airport Area Plan Update. A citizens planning committee is involved in a 2 year process with these steps: (1) fact finding, (2) subcommittee study, (3) visioning, (4) plan phase and public comment, (5) action plan; and (6) adoption hearings. The planning area includes portions of unincorporated Guilford and Forsyth Counties, and Greensboro, High Point, and Kernersville and will lead to recommendations for the consideration of the area policy boards. Wyman described his view of airport area traffic needs and an envisioned "airport loop" that would connect existing and new roadways and roadway improvements (many of which are currently planned) for discussion purposes.

**Airport Area Transportation Planning Study**

Ken King overviewed transportation and land use issues in the airport area. A comprehensive study of area transportation needs is needed to sort through: (1) the implications of future travel demand in light of likely future land use and travel patterns in the area; (2) what improvements to area roadways are needed; (3) what routing may be feasible for I-73 and the proposed future

Forsyth County Airport Connector. The study would be managed by GDOT under the coordination of PART. State funding is sought and is under discussion.

#### **Airport Authority Update**

Ted Johnson reported the Regional Road relocation has been let to contract. Construction is expected to start within 30-60 days. The Draft EIS for the proposed PTIA expansion has been released for public comment. A public hearing on the DEIS is scheduled May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the special events center of the coliseum. The environmental review process may be completed by the end of 2000, with construction beginning in early 2001. Johnson stated that residential development is encroaching into the approach areas near to but outside of the restricted areas for runway 14. This development should be controlled to minimize future conflicts between the airport and residential uses. Discussion followed about the potential to prevent such encroachment through planning and land use regulations.

#### **Staff Informational Items**

A MPO Informational Items was distributed. Jim Westmoreland reviewed these items. Notably, NCDOT is studying issues involved in the possible removal of the Market Street Interchange at the Urban Loop. The results of this study will be made available to TAC at the earliest possible time. The informational items were:

- Gallimore Dairy Road;
- Market Street Interchange at the Urban Loop;
- Multi-Modal Center;
- Rail Studies

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm